

Apply for funding through the

SMALL INNOVATIVE PROJECTS IN SOLAR (SIPS) PROGRAM

Jump-start your novel solar energy idea with up to **\$400,000** from the U.S. government.

The U.S. Department of Energy seeks high-risk solar research projects that:



Produce significant results in 12-18 months



Quickly validate novel concepts



Lay the foundation for later-stage research and development

New to federal funding? Start with SIPS.

The SIPS funding opportunity will be reissued every year.



More than **60%** of project leads were first-time awardees

More than **130** projects funded since 2015



81 different organizations in **37** states awarded SIPS funding since 2017

Think outside the box.

Nearly any solar energy technology idea is eligible. SIPS aims to improve:



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Concentrating Solar-Thermal Power

- Thermal energy storage
- Solar collectors (e.g. heliostats)
- Solar-thermal industrial processes
- Turbomachinery
- Solar-thermal fuels



Funding up to **\$250,000**

Photovoltaics

- Power conversion efficiency
- Field performance
- Service lifetime
- Manufacturability
- Reuse and recycling

Goal: Accelerate the advancement and deployment of solar technology to support an equitable transition to a decarbonized economy.

Learn more:

energy.gov/eere/solar/small-innovative-projects-solar-sips-program

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